

# PORTOBELLO COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the 125th meeting, held on 30th January 1995 in  
Portobello Community Centre, Adelphi Grove.

## PRESENT:

Len Young (Chair), Tom Smith (Secretary), Kathleen Hart (Treasurer)  
Raymond Abbott (JTC), Sandy Begg, Sgt Lesley Boal, David Bonar, Celia Butterworth, Linda Cormack,  
Keith Jeffrey, Ray Lang, Sheila McIvor, Lorna McLeod, Lawrence Marshall, Margaret Smith,  
Sandy Smith, Stephen Tait.

## APOLOGIES:

Norman Hughes, George Murray, Drew Strachan, Gavin Strang, Nick Stroud.

### 125.1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed those present, and expressed his regret that Norman Hughes was unable to attend to give us his presentation.

#### 125.1a David Bonar and Stephen Tait – Promoting Portobello

The Chairman asked David and Stephen to address the meeting.

They have in mind to organise a Classic Car Rally and Sprint at the west end of the Promenade, beside Abercrombie's garage. They are hopeful that an event such as this will attract several thousand people and bring a lot of money to Portobello businesses. It is planned for a Sunday in August, at a time that doesn't clash with any other event connected with the Edinburgh Festival. A lot of groundwork has already been done with clearance already received from the RAC and Edinburgh District Council. Lothian Regional Council have given permission in principle, and Gavin Strang M.P. is very enthusiastic.

This type of event is very safe and exciting, and will consist in the main of an exhibition of the classic cars in the morning with a chance to talk to owners and mechanics. In the afternoon the cars will race, in classes, from a standing start over 400 meters.

It is hoped that sponsorship from various sources will not only cover running costs but leave a substantial surplus which will be used to improve facilities for young people in Portobello.

The Community Council, and the people of Portobello in general, are asked for their help and support.

The speakers were thanked for a well-prepared and delivered presentation. A printed version of the report is available in the Library.

### 125.2 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Accepted as correct (proposed by Celia Butterworth, seconded by Kathleen Hart).

### 125.3 MATTERS ARISING

#### 125.3a Joppa Tennis Courts: a question was asked as to why the nets are still up although the season is over. We were assured by the JTC representative that this would be taken care of.

We were delighted with a donation of £100 from Portobello Branch of the Royal British Legion Scotland to help with the running costs of the courts.

- 125.3b Dog fouling in Figgate Park: our complaint has received a reply from the Recreation Department, saying that it is intended to extend the rules about control of dogs in Figgate Park. Notices will be erected and a poop-scoop scheme introduced. Dog Wardens will give the Park extra surveillance.
- 125.3c Pumping Station: we have been invited to make a visit to the Pumping Station. The Secretary will arrange for some Wednesday afternoon in March.
- 125.3d Traffic Problems: a further letter from Stockbridge Community Council asks for written reports from other Community Councils concerning traffic problems. The Secretary will write, but needs specific complaints and suggestions before the next meeting (Action: All).
- 125.3e Environmental Action Plan: it has been arranged that Janice Panwels will address our next meeting on 27th February.
- 125.3f Hanging Baskets: a further four baskets have been ordered, although it was suggested that a larger size might be more appropriate. Celia will investigate.

#### **125.4 REPORTS**

- 125.4a Police Report: There were no fatal road traffic accidents last month, but nine with injuries (three people fell on buses). The general level of crime remains fairly constant.
- 125.4b Signposting and Information Plaques: Lawrence Marshall's feedback from LEEL indicates that although the idea of 'Welcome to Portobello' signs is generally nice, they won't produce a major end benefit in keeping with the possible £10,000 cost. LEEL wants a "Big Idea".
- 125.4c Gravel area: The Parks Department is working out costs.

#### **125.5 TREASURER'S REPORT**

With the donation from the Royal British Legion Scotland, the Community Council accounts at 30th January 1995 are:

Current Account:	£ 121.67
Premier Investment Account:	£2170.88
Illuminations Account:	£ 126.88
Joppa Tennis Courts:	£ 264.39

#### **125.6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 125.6a Youth facilities the High School representatives agreed to do a canvas of senior pupils to give us some idea of how the Community Council might be able to help provide leisure and entertainment facilities for that age group in Portobello.
- 125.6b Disbursement of funds: it was agreed that we should find worthy projects to support financially. Bearing in mind that we have still not paid the £200 we have committed to the Heritage Trail leaflet, it was decided that £250 would be given to the Portobello Festival Association to let them get started with preparations for this year's Gala Day.
- Requests for funding for other projects will be considered at the next meeting. Please write to the Secretary.
- 125.6c Christmas Decorations: the Secretary attended a meeting of the working party on Christmas Decorations in the City Chambers, where it was made plain that with the budget cuts this year,

it is unlikely that decorations can be provided for all the streets that want them. At the next meeting in February, the Council will provide specifications and costs for simple brackets which can be fitted on shop fronts to hold small individual christmas trees, lit from the shop's own electricity supply.

- 125.6d District Council Budget Open Day: this will be held on 11th February, from 9:30am to 1pm, in the Old Royal High School, Regent Road.
- 125.6e Porty Reporter: the newspaper is being restructured, as Jack Macdonald is moving away. The Community Council has been asked to submit a regular contribution: the Chairman will write the first one. Celia is willing to help in future. There is a box in the Library where contributions and articles can be left. The cut-off date for the next issue is 10th February.
- 125.6f Seaside Award: papers have been received, but we are not yet ready for this due to the inadequate infrastructure in the Prom area.
- 125.6g Careers convention: there will be about 30 representatives of Science and Industry at the careers convention to be held at Portobello High School on 23rd February, from 1:30 to 4pm.
- 125.6h Lothian Region Structure Plan 1994: PAS have written objecting to the south-east wedge intrusion into the Green Belt. The Secretary will write in support of this objection.
- 125.6i Library Community Room: a reply has been received from Edinburgh City Libraries, indicating that we cannot rent this accommodation beyond 8:30pm. The Secretary will query this.
- 125.6j Rosefield Park: complaints have been received from residents about gatherings of young people and noise at night in Rosefield Park. The Secretary will write to the Parks Department asking for gates to be locked at night.
- 125.6k Road works: after the King's Road roundabout, work will start on the roundabout at the junction between Milton Road and Sir Harry Lauder Road. A pedestrian crossing is to be constructed at the junction between Fishwives' Causeway and Sir Harry Lauder Road (near Laidlaw's garage).

A report on proposals for Rosefield Avenue is expected in March.

## **125.7 FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meetings of the Community Council will be held at 7:30pm on the following dates:

Monday 27th February 1995, in **the lesser Town Hall**.

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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

The 126th meeting of Portobello Community Council  
will be held  
on Monday 27th February 1995 at 7:30pm,  
in the lesser Town Hall.

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Chairman's welcome; apologies**
- 2. Environmental Action Plan: Janice Panwels**
- 3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
- 4. Matters arising**
- 5. Reports**
- 6. Treasurer's Report**
- 7. AOCB**
- 8. Dates of future meetings**